

Application No. 10/019,770
Amendment dated June 24, 2003
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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A device ~~by~~ for a reverse vending machine for bottles and cans, ~~provided with a feed opening (22) accessible from the outside and through which the bottles and cans are inserted into the reverse vending machine (14,16,18), characterized in that the front portion of the reverse vending machine (14, 16,18) in the form of comprising a cover (14), is for a front portion of the reverse vending machine (16, 18), said front cover having a feed opening (22) accessible from the outside and through which bottles and cans are inserted into the reverse vending machine, said cover being formed to be secured independently of an the internal bottle-/can-handling device and other apparatus (16,18) of the reverse vending machine, wherein the feed opening (22) of the front cover (14), for bottles and an cans is, being without a fixed connection to pipework etc. within the reverse vending machine (16,18) and that preferably below wherein adjacent said feed opening (22) in the front cover (14) is formed a drain an opening (26) therethrough for the emptying of remnants from bottles or cans before being inserted their insertion into the reverse vending machine (14,16,18) through the feed opening (22) of the front cover (14), and a corresponding opening (20) positioned within in the internal bottle-/can-handling device of the reverse vending machine.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the drain opening (26) of the front cover (14), for remnants, is formed in an upwards open bowl, whose opening at the rear side of the front cover (14) ends in a drain pipe socket (28).

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Claim 3 (currently amended): A device according to claim 2, wherein
~~characterized in that~~ within the front cover (14), below the outlet opening of the drain
pipe socket (28) is arranged a preferably upwards open drain channel (30).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A device according to claim 3, wherein
~~characterized in that~~ the drain channel (30) has a generally horizontal extent and is
connected to an outlet (32).
